

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2015**

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**No. 6**

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Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Arroyo, Constantinides, Levine, Rose, Vallone, Cornegy, Levin, Richards, Rodriguez, Dickens, Torres, Lander, Espinal, Dromm, Van Bramer, Crowley, Gentile, Garodnick, Eugene, Kallos, Lancman and Ulrich.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to updating the definition of “pet shop” within the animal abuse registration act.**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 17-1601 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 4 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

c. “Animal rescue group” shall mean a not-for-profit organization duly incorporated in the state of New York that accepts unwanted [dogs or cats] *animals* from an animal shelter or other place and attempts to find homes for, and promote adoption of, such animals by the general public.

§ 2. Subdivision i of section 17-1601 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 4 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

i. “Pet shop” shall [mean a facility required to have a permit issued pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 161.09 of the New York city health code, where dogs and/or cats are sold, exchanged, bartered, or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail for profit] *have the same meaning as such term is defined in section 17-371 of this title.*

§ 3. The section heading of section 17-1605 in the table of contents of chapter 16 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 4 for the year

2014, is amended to read as follows:

**§17-1605 [Requirements of animal shelters] *Prohibition of transfers of animals to animal abusers.***

§ 4. Section 17-1605 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 4 for the year 2014, is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

*c. A pet shop that allows an animal shelter or animal rescue to use such pet shop's premises for the purpose of making animals available for adoption shall be exempt from the requirements of subdivisions a and b of this section with respect to such animals, provided such pet shop does not have an ownership interest in any of the animals that are made available for adoption.*

§ 5. This local law shall take effect on June 1, 2015, except that sections one, 3 and 4 of this local law shall take effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on December 17, 2014 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on January 16, 2015.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 6 of 2015, Council Int No. 73-A of 2014) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.